IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

PAUL GRINKER,) No. C 09-03201 JW (PR)
Petitioner,	ORDER OF TRANSFER
VS.) }
BEN CURRY, Warden,	
Respondent.	\
) (Docket No. 4)

Petitioner, a prisoner at the Correctional Training Facility in Soledad, California, has filed this <u>pro se</u> petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241, challenging his state conviction.

Venue for a habeas action is proper in either the district of confinement or the district of conviction, 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d). However, Federal courts in California traditionally have chosen to hear petitions challenging a conviction or sentence in the district of conviction. See Dannenberg v. Ingle, 831 F. Supp. 767, 767 (N.D. Cal. 1993); Laue v. Nelson, 279 F. Supp. 265, 266 (N.D. Cal. 1968). The petition indicates that petitioner was convicted in Los Angeles County which lies within the venue of the Western Division of the Central District of California. See 28 U.S.C. 84(c).

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Accordingly, the above-titled action is hereby TRANSFERRED to the United	
States District Court for the Western Division of the Central District of California.	
See 28 U.S.C. §§ 1404(a), 2241(d); Habeas L.R. 2254-3.	
The Court notes that petitioner paid the filing fee on August 13, 2009.	
(Receipt No. 34611035522.) Accordingly, petitioner's motion for leave to proceed	

The clerk shall transfer this matter and terminate Docket No. 4.

in forma pauperis is DENIED as moot. (Docket No. 4.)

DATED: December 9, 2009

ES WARE ted States District Judge

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I a Court, Northern District of California.	am an employee in the Office of the Clerk, U.S. District
That on 12/18/2009 attached, by placing said copy(ies) in a phereinafter listed, by depositing said envan inter-office delivery receptacle locate	, I SERVED a true and correct copy(ies) of the postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) relope in the U.S. Mail, or by placing said copy(ies) into d in the Clerk's office.
Paul Grinker K-39225 CTF - Correctional Training Facility P. O. Box 689 Soledad, Ca 93960	
Dated:12/18/2009	
	Richard W. Wieking, Clerk /s/By: Elizabeth Garcia, Deputy Clerk